Low Credit Deposit Ratio in Eastern Region

3243. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Credit Deposit Ratio of the States in the Eastern Region is below the National average;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Credit Deposit Ratio of all Scheduled Commercial Banks in the States of the Eastern Region for the last three years is indicate below:

State/Region	CREDIT DEPOSIT RATIO (%)		
	March 1990	March 1991	March 1992
Eastern Region	52.6	51.8	50.5
Bihar	40.0	39.6	39.5
Orissa	81.3	76.5	72.2
Sikkim	28.3	18.3	26.6
West Bengal	54.9	54.5	52.7
Andaman & Nicobar Island	35.1	34.3	32.3
All India	65.8	66.2	61.0

It may be observed from the above Table that C:D ratio of all the States except Orissa is below the National average.

The Government and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are aware of the persistent low credit deposit ratio in the deployment of bank funds in Eastern Region. The credit absorption capacity of a State/ Region depends upon factors such as development of infrastructural facilities and availablity of required inputs and marketing outlets for agricultural, industrial production etc. However, RBI have advised the banks to ensure that wide dispartiy in the ratios between different States is avoided.

Proposal to Appoint IAS Officers as Chairman of Banks

3244. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to appoint IAS Officers as Chairman of nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the reasons for deviation from the prevalent policy;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the All India Bank Officers' Confederation has strongly protested against this move; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Government have not taken any policy decision *to* appoint IAS officers as Chairman and Managing Directors (CMDs) of nationalised banks. However, in exceptional cases, particularly when suitable executives are not available from the banking system, Government do appoint officers belonging to the IAS and other services as CMDs of banks, keeping in view the special circumstances obtaining in *such* banks.

Misuse of Loans by Express Group

3245. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned, 'Union seeks to join Express tussel' appearing in the Times of India (Delhi) of the 8th November, 1992;

(b) if so, whether is it a fact that Express Group applied for a loan of Rs. 10.87 crores from ICICI for the purchase of machinery from abroad;